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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 2-21-2007 (copy enclosed), we are submitting herewith 14 sheets of formal drawings, containing Figs. 1-23. Please substitute these for the drawings presently of record.

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

### *Notice of Allowance Mailed*

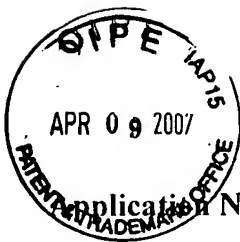
This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given 60 days from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. If the informality pertains to the abstract, specification (including claims) or drawings, the informality must be corrected with an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (or, if the application is a reissue application, 37 CFR 1.173). Such an amendment may be filed after payment of the issue fee if limited to correction of informalities noted herein. See Waiver of 37 CFR 1.312 for Documents Required by the Office of Patent Publication, 1280 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 918 (March 23, 2004). In addition, if the informality is not corrected until after payment of the issue fee, for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(iv), "all outstanding requirements" will be considered to have been satisfied when the informality has been corrected. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. **This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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- ☐ The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ An ink stamp or an image obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The drawing is marred by black smudges, obliterations, or fax/copier marks. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met\*:
  - ☐ Petition filed
  - ☐ Petition fee
  - ☐ 3 sets of color drawings
  - ☐ Color drawing paragraph

\*If color drawings are not elected, then applicant **must respond** so stating. Also, references to color drawings in the specification, if any, must be amended.

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